BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the county election officer is prohibited from charging a fee for general supervision which exceeds 5 percent of the total amount of the elections contract. Some local subdivisions contract with county election departments to coordinate and manage their elections. S.B. 509 would allow an elections officer to charge a fee not to exceed 10 percent of the total amount of the elections contract for general supervision.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 509 prohibits a fee charged by the county election officer for general supervision from exceeding 10 percent of the total amount of the elections contract.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 31.100(d), Election Code, to prohibit a fee charged by the county election officer for general supervision of the election from exceeding 10 percent, rather than 5 percent, of the total amount of the contract.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.